

TO: Regional Directors and Regional Communication Directors

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RE: Temporary halt to social media

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As of today, January 23 the Senior Advisor to the President and the EPA Transition Communications Lead are instructing all EPA regions and sub-groups within the EPA to temporarily halt all social media activities. This direction will remain in effect until further notice. By end of business today please archive and darken or deactivate all Facebook pages, cease all tweets, Youtube videos, or other types of social media currently being used.

As leaders on the transition team we understand the important role that social media plays in accomplishing our shared vision of protecting the environment and human health. During this transition period however, social media in the form of tweets, Facebook, Youtube, and other outlets will need to be approved by the transition team.

This direction from the Transition Team is not a reaction to posts, tweets, or other social media currently being conducted by the regions or sub-groups within the EPA. When the new Administrator is confirmed we will begin re-activating social media actions.

For the time being and until further notice please direct all proposed social media postings to the EPA transition team via Nancy Grantham at [Grantham.Nancy@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epamail.epa.gov).